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1. MINISTER-WITHOUT-PORTFOLIO CHOU SHU-KAI AT HIS BREAKFAST MARCH 11
TURNED TO QUESTION OF NORMALIZATION, CARRYING ON FROM CONVERSA-
TION RECORDED REFTEL. I SAID I DID NOT ANTICIPATE HAVING MUCH
MORE INFORMATION UNTIL "INTENSIVE REVIEW" MENTIONED BY SECRETARY
VANCE WILL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. CHOU REPEATED HIS EARLIER EMPHASIS ON
IMPORTANCE OF PRIOR CONSULTATION; HE SAID THAT WHILE THE MUTUAL
SECURITY TREATY, WHICH HAS RECEIVED MOST ATTENTION, IS PERHAPS

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THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE, NEVERTHELESS THERE ARE SOMETHING LIKE
570OTHER TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE ROC AND THE US
AND IN MANY CASES AT LEAST SOME PROVISION WILL HAVE TO BE MADE
FOR THE FUTURE CONDUCT OF RELATIONS IN THOSE FIELDS UNLESS IT
IS POSSIBLE FOR THE PROVISIONS OF THE TREATIES TO CONTINUE TO
HAVE EFFECT. I ACKNOWLEDGED THESE PROBLEMS AND SAID THEY ARE
ALSO WELL UNDERSTOOD IN WASHINGTON AND WE RECOGNIZED THAT IN

MANY CASES THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBSTITUE ARRANGEMENTS SO THAT
TAIWAN'S STABILITY WOULD NOT BE JEOPARDIZED.

2. I ADDED THAT ONE THING HOWEVER SEEMED CLEAR AND COULD BE TAKEN
AS A BASIS FOR ROC PLANNING, NAMELY THAT THE USG INTENDS TO MOVE
TOWARD NORMALIZATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WITH THE PRC, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO SAY WHAT THE
TIMING WOULD BE. MINISTER CHOU TOOK THAT IN WITHOUT EVIDENCE OF
SURPRISE.

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